

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A method for selectively displaying a plurality of rooms with side bar slide animation, comprising:
 - displaying content material in a page of said room;
 - displaying page associated material in a side bar of said room;
 - responsive to entering a room, executing a first slide animation of said page associated material such that said page associated material slides into said side bar from a first direction; and
 - responsive to leaving said room, executing a second slide animation of said page associated material such that said page associated material slides out of said side bar in a direction different from said first direction;thereby creating a visual effect of entering and leaving an area represented by a panel wherein the visual effect creates a visual impression of entering and leaving said area via one or more of a horizontal and vertical sliding motion;
- wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation are elements of an aesthetic set inherited from a parent room;
- wherein said side bar is configured to allow for said page associated material to slide, via said first slide animation, into said side bar;
- wherein said side bar is further configured to allow for said page associated material to slide, via said second slide animation, out of said side bar.

~~wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation comprise moving said page associated material into or out of said side bar via one or more of: an up, down, left, right, or looping motion.~~

3-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying rooms from a hierarchy of rooms, each room including a page display and a corresponding side bar display, comprising:

removing side bar material corresponding to a first page display from said side bar by a first slide animation in a first direction when leaving a first room in said hierarchy of rooms without resizing said side bar, and inserting side bar material corresponding to a second page display into said side bar in said first direction by slide animation when entering a second room higher in said hierarchy of rooms; and

removing side bar material corresponding to said first page display from said side bar by a second slide animation in a second direction when leaving said first room in said hierarchy of rooms and inserting side bar material corresponding to a third page display into said side bar by slide animation in said second direction when entering a third room lower in said hierarchy of rooms; and thereby providing in said side bar a visual effect of respectively moving up or down said hierarchy of rooms wherein the visual effect creates a visual impression of entering and leaving said area via a vertical sliding motion;

wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation are elements of an aesthetic set inherited from a parent room;

wherein said side bar is configured to allow for said side bar material corresponding to said second page to slide, via said first slide animation, into said side bar;

wherein said side bar is further configured to allow for said side bar material corresponding to said third page to slide, via said second slide animation, into said side bar.

~~wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation comprise moving said side bar material into or out of said side bar via one or more of: an up, down, left, right, or looping motion.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform operations for displaying rooms from a hierarchy of rooms, each room including a page display and a corresponding side bar display, said operations comprising:
- removing side bar material corresponding to a first page display from said side bar by a first slide animation in a first direction when leaving a first room in said hierarchy of rooms without resizing said side bar, and inserting side bar material corresponding to a second page display by slide animation into said side bar in said first direction when entering a second room higher in said hierarchy of rooms without resizing said side bar; and
- removing side bar material corresponding to said first page display from said side bar by a second slide animation in a second direction when leaving said first room in said

hierarchy of rooms and inserting by slide animation side bar material
corresponding to a third page display into said side bar in said second direction
when entering a third room lower in said hierarchy of rooms;
thereby providing in said side bar a visual effect of respectively moving up or down said
hierarchy of rooms wherein the visual effect creates a visual impression of
entering and leaving said area via a vertical sliding motion;
wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation are elements of an
aesthetic set inherited from a parent room;
wherein said side bar is configured to allow for said side bar material corresponding to
said second page to slide, via said first slide animation, into said side bar;
wherein said side bar is further configured to allow for said side bar material
corresponding to said third page to slide, via said second slide animation, into said
side bar.
~~wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation comprise moving said~~
~~side bar material into or out of said side bar via one or more of: an up, down, left,~~
~~right, or looping motion.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly
embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform operations for
displaying rooms from a hierarchy of rooms, each room including a page display and a
corresponding side bar display, said operations comprising:
associating with each room in said hierarchy of rooms a respective access control list
identifying users authorized to view said room;

displaying in said side bar of a parent room material selectively descriptive of child rooms only to which said user is authorized by access control lists for said child rooms;

removing side bar material corresponding to a first page display from said side bar via a first slide animation in a first direction when leaving a first room in said hierarchy of rooms and inserting side bar material corresponding to a second page display into said side bar in said first direction when entering a second room higher in said hierarchy of rooms; and

removing side bar material corresponding to said first page display from said side bar via a second slide animation in a second direction when leaving said first room in said hierarchy of rooms without resizing said side bar, and inserting side bar material corresponding to a third page display into said side bar in said second direction when entering a third room lower in said hierarchy of rooms;

thereby providing in said side bar a visual effect of respectively moving up or down said hierarchy of rooms wherein the visual effect creates a visual impression of entering and leaving said area via a vertical sliding motion;

wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation are elements of an aesthetic set inherited from the parent room;

wherein said side bar is configured to allow for said side bar material corresponding to said second page to slide, via said first slide animation, into said side bar;

wherein said side bar is further configured to allow for said side bar material corresponding to said third page to slide, via said second slide animation, into said side bar.

~~wherein said first slide animation and said second slide animation comprise moving said side bar material into or out of said side bar via one or more of: an up, down, left, right, or looping motion.~~

11. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

sliding new page associated material, via said first slide animation, into said side bar from a rightwards direction.

12. (New) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

sliding said page associated material, via said second slide animation, out of said bar from a leftwards direction.

13. (New) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

sliding new page associated material, via said first slide animation, into said side bar from a leftwards direction.

14. (New) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

sliding said page associated material, via said second slide animation, out of said bar from a rightwards direction.

15. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include an upward motion.

16. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a downward motion.

17. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a leftward motion.

18. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a rightward motion.

19. (New) The method of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a looping motion.

20. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include an upward motion.

21. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a downward motion.

22. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a leftward motion.

23. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a rightward motion.

24. (New) The method of claim 8 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a looping motion.

25. (New) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include an upward motion.

26. (New) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one of the first slide animation and the second slide animation include a downward motion.